

(b) if so, the cost thereof and whether the Government propose to export these computers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), a public sector corporation under the administrative control of Department of Electronics, propose to manufacture low cost personal computers.

(b) and (c). The cost of low cost personal proposed to be manufactured by ET&T is expected to be 15-20% lower than the prevailing level of prices in the market. ET&T also propose to explore the possibility of export of these computers.

[English]

Employment by Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Lakshadweep

1267. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been formulated by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to provide employment to the educated and uneducated unemployed persons in Lakshadweep; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of the unemployed persons likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Specifically no such proposal has been formulated by Khadi and

Village Industries Commission. However, since programmes at the state level are implemented through state khadi and village industries boards, the commission has requested the Lakshadweep Khadi and Village Industries Board to identify suitable implementing agencies for taking up K.V.I. programmes for the benefit of educated and uneducated unemployed persons in Lakshadweep.

Unemployed Medicos

1268. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of graduates and post graduates in medicine on the live register of employment exchanges in Maharashtra, with particular reference to Bombay as on December 31, 1991; and

(b) the extent to which this number increases every year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The number of Graduate & post-graduate job-seekers in medicine on the live register of Employment Exchanges in Maharashtra and Bombay as on 30th June, 1990 (latest available) are as follows:-

	(Number on Live Register) (In thousand)
Maharashtra	3.95
Bombay	0.70

(b) The number of Graduate & post-graduate job-seekers in medicine on the live register of Employment Exchanges in Maharashtra and Bombay for the last five years is furnished below:-

<i>As at the end of</i>	<i>Number in Thousands</i>	
	<i>Maharashtra</i>	<i>Bombay</i>
1985	3.51	0.58
1986	4.46	0.74
1987	3.79	0.61
1988	3.82	0.64
1989	3.79	0.63
1990(June)	3.95	0.70

Growth Centres in backward areas

1269. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of growth centres selected in the country for promoting industrialisation in the backward areas;

(b) the criteria adopted for selecting these centres;

(c) the progress made so far in developing industries in these growth centres; and

(d) the extent, to which the infrastructure facilities have been provided to these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Out of Seventy Growth Centres proposed to be developed under the Growth Centre Scheme, 64 have been selected and announced.

(b) The broad criteria for selection of these growth centres are that they shall not be within 50 Kms. from the boundary of

cities with a population above 25 lakhs; 30 Kms. from the boundary of cities with a population of above 15 lakhs but below 25 lakhs; and 15 Kms. from the boundary of cities with a population of 7.5 lakhs but below 15 lakhs as per 1981 census. They shall be located close to district/sub-divisional/block/Taluk headquarters or developing urban centres and shall have access to the basic infrastructural facilities.

(c) and (d). The selected growth centres under the Scheme would be provided with basic infrastructural facilities particularly in respect of power, telecommunication, water and banking in order to attract industries to these centres. Project reports in respect of 10 Growth Centres have been approved and Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 15 crores has been released. The Scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Installed capacity of rice bran refineries

1270. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity of the rice